

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2018
at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Dick Noble	DN
	Helen Postle	HP	John Slater	JS
	Paul Wilson	PW		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater.

Items Action

1. Police Report

In the absence of the CPO, **JS** summarised the Police Report for May (previously circulated). Police Scotland was warning of the hidden dangers of shopping online, with detailed advice available at getsafeonline.org. Advice was also given on protection against Mandate Fraud, Doorstep Crime and Bogus Callers. Ward priorities were unchanged. A report had been made of vandalism (spray painting) to a wall. During the month, 46 police incidents were created in respect of the beat area covering Auchencrow, Reston, Ayton and Burnmouth.

2. Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey, Carol Hamilton (SBC), Helen Laing (SBC), Trevor Smith and Rob Weatherston.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May 2018 were approved. Proposed by **HP** and seconded by **DN**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Footpath to Peelwalls** – **JS** advised that SBC was now in receipt of monies from the developer to undertake the safety improvements to the footpath. The work would be carried out in tandem with road surfacing works.
- **Footpath at the Crofts** – it was agreed to explore costings for the extension of the footpath with a view to submitting an application for funding from the small grants scheme. **IK**
- **Defibrillator** – as no response had been received from Gail Coates, it might be necessary to defer this matter for action by the new CC.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – **RB** reported that the access ladder was now in place and that the handrail would be installed within the next few days. Ian Forsyth (Builder) would collect the bracket and install the flagpole. **RB**
- **War Memorial Information Boards** – Fantasy Prints would install the boards on Thursday 7 June.
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – following discussion with SBC's Enforcement Officer, Paul Duncan, **JS** advised that the tenants of no 3 Old Town had been notified of the removal of the solar panels.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – it was understood that no works had yet been undertaken to improve the line of sight on the corner of the B6355 at the site of the new housing development.
- **Resilient Communities** – **JS** hoped to take this matter forward before the next meeting. **JS**

- **EHS Leadership Skills Training** – a letter of thanks had been received from EHS for the donation made by the CC towards the cost of training.
- **SBC Grass Cutting Frequencies** – following discussion at the last meeting when dismay was expressed over a significant reduction in grass cutting frequencies (ie from every 10 days to every 20 days, a concerned resident had approached the CC about the state of the village playing fields, especially relating to the piles of cut grass covering the whole area and much of the footpath. Documentary evidence had been provided by a Paediatric Respiratory Specialist about the negative effects of cut grass on children with common respiratory problems such as asthma. The document was passed to **JF** for action. **JF**
- **Community Council Elections** – all matters outstanding had been resolved with Pauline Bolson, Democratic Services Officer. The final date for return of completed nomination forms was Tuesday 24 July 2018 (12 noon).
- **100 Year Commemoration of the End of WW1** – approval was given for expenditure of £63.00 associated with the purchase and postage costs of 42 commemorative crosses. **KC** There was discussion about other commemorative tributes – any ideas would be discussed and finalised at the July meeting of the CC. In the meantime, **JS** would speak with Rev Norman Whyte about having the church bell rung at 1905 on the day. **JS**

6. Planning Applications

- **31 High Street, Ayton** – alterations to dwelling house (removal of old render to result in original stone or like and mortar). **Supported.**
- **Red Lion Cottage, High Street, Ayton** – alterations and extension to dwelling house. **Supported.**
- **Railway Bridge West of Peelwalls House, Ayton** – refurbishment of bridge. **Supported.**
- **Prendergust Farmhouse, Ayton** – external alterations and erection of replacement porch. **Supported.**

7. Area Councillors' Report

Nothing further to report.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of **MA**. The Treasurer's Account stood at £502.15 and the Project Account at £3682.95 (including £2200 earmarked for the flagpole).

9. Correspondence

It was noted that money was available for playparks on application to SBC.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **RB** had had confirmation that verge width on the Eyemouth road entrance to the village was sufficient to support the erection of an Ayton Village pillar. This would be reviewed in conjunction with other possible measures after considering the effect of moving the speed limit boundary.
- **KC** agreed to contact AMEY regarding grass cutting at the South A1 junction.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The final meeting of the current Ayton Community Council would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 3 July 2018 in Ayton Community Hall.**